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Attorney General John Ashcroft

Dear Sir,

I'm writing you a quick note to support you and the Bush Administration as it seeks to end the litigation against Microsoft. Pursuing this action any further will further justify a bad precedent - the notion that the Federal government can enclose itself in the pursuit of 'Consumer Protection' when in fact it yields the opposite effect - creating uncertainty for businesses which produce goods in a competitive environment, which itself yields stagnation, fewer competitors and less innovation.

Microsoft appears to have acknowledged wrong doing, and if the penalties outlined in the settlement are enforced to the letter, that will be a fair outcome.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment directly to you, and wish you well in the pursuit of truer justice for consumers.

Sincerely,

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